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think you love your wife and up with her no matter what up with her no matter what looking at the plans and specifications, her character while the structure course of erection. Should your ion be able to stand this test, then marriage has not been a failure and woman you call your own, is worth

In our frenzied groping efforts to get "packing rooms" and closets, we several times lost the backstairs on our blue print and twice, if I mistake not, we also cut off the front stairs. But that didn't worry the Commander-in-Chief any more than if we had been cliff-dwellers. She said it was the contractor's business to find a place to put the steps and to straighten out the various kinks. And be it said, the worthy man has measured up to the emergency. But he now rides in an automobile at my expense and wouldn't hesitate to throw gold nuggets at his neighbor's hens to drive them out of his garden. The cunning worker in bricks and mortar, says the Queen Bee, has got some spleididly practical ideas. And so she has. She has been practical enough to supply feed for his wife and interesting family of nine little boys for thirteen years.

If you want to see the sweet Christian character of a builder, just say "extras" to him—just tell him you want this door swung on the outside instead of on the inside, as originally provided, or a few window cut on the dark side of the house. Will he wring his hands and say, alas, you demand impossibilities? Not a bit of it. He will be as sunshing as a June day and the extra work, done almost before you suggest it, will cost you at the rate of \$45 for each extra brick and \$19 for each additional nail. If it werei," for the "extras," contractors would never be billionaires; they would have to drag along their weary, wretched lives as mere humbe millionaires.

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Now don't think this is writ sarcastick or that I want any builder to go and bury his head with shame in his sandpile after seeing these words. None knows better than I that a contractor carns every penny he makes and a hundred per cent, more besides, to say nothing of having a mighty good chance for a celestializorom. For by the time he gets the first joists laid, the future mistress of the house is on the premises, roosting daily on the scantlings and bossing every stroke that's made. And the critter isn't merely satisfied with watching and buildozing. She must "know the reason why"—must have an explanation for every plank that's laid. Long up ladders like the trapeze expert in a circus or terrorizing the plasterers into swallowing whole handfuls of the nais they carry in their mouths.

She's "upstairs, downstairs, in the lady's chamber," all in the same breath.



Very Aged Trees.

An old yew tree stands in the church-yard at Fortingal, in Perthshire, which yard at Fortingal, in Porthshire, which De Candolle, nearly a century ago, proved to the satisfaction of botanists to be twenty-five centuries old, and another is still standing at Hedsor, in Buclas, which is 3.240 years old. How De Candolle arrived at an aparently correct estimate of the enormous age of these living trees is a simple thing, and the principle is doubtless well known to-day to all. The yew, like most other trees, adds one line, about the tenth of an inch, to its circumfarence each year. But the oldest living thing in the world to-day, so far as known, is a cypress tree in Chapultepec, Mexico, that is 6,259 years old.



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really great thought has conquered without having had great obstacles to overcome. Much, was accomplished by the
first conference, when representatives
of all nations signed the words that "the
moral and material walfare of the people
demands that the burdens imposed on
them to maintain the large standing armics and navies be lightened," but far,
more will be accomplished, of that I am
sure, by the second, "Where there is a
will there is a way," says the proverb
But when the way is already there the
will must surely, be found soon.

Of the many meetings which I attended
while I dwelt in the United States there
was one which hyde a strong impression
upon me and which bedes well for the
future. It was a meeting at which the
question of disarmament was discussed,
and what gave it special significance was
that an American general and former com
mander-in-chief of the United States
army, General Nelson A. Miles, was the
principal speaker, and that it was attended by a great number of officers and
men of the Twenty-third Regiment.
When the Twenty-third Regiment has
so much sense thera is no reason why
the Twenty-fourth and all the other regiments should not soon take the same-interest in the peace movement, and seathat while they must do their duly as
long as wars exist, the "warless time."
Another very encouraging sign was this,
that the speakers all aroused the strongest appliause from the audlence whenever
they emphasized that it was America's
greatest honor and glory that she had
grown to be a world power without ever
having had a standing army, and that she
would reap more glory in the future by
championing sand compelling peace, aithough unarmed, but strong in the conscousness of her power.

The poison of imperialism has affected
and the American organism is, so strong
and its vitality so powerful, that the na
tion will soon throw the poison of its
system.

White House Doorkeeper.

White House Doorkeeper.

Arthur Simmons, the negro doorkeeper and messenger at the White House, has held the position for forty-two years, serving under ten Presidents, and being one of the government's most rathful employes. He was born a slave in North Carolina, ran away to Washington at the outbreak of the Civil War and managed to got an interview with Lincoln, who appointed him doorkeeper. It was to Simmons that President Grant offered his threat. "Do you see that man? pointing to an importunate and pursistent office, seeker, who had bothered General Grant to the point of distraction, "Yes," replied simmons. "Well, that man is after your job, The next time you let, him in here I'm going to give it to him." Needless to say, the officeseeker nayer secured another interview with the President.



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A Shrewd Crazy Man.

and ably and finally said: "Now, you as a chemist know that if you are dead you The late Dr. Leroy M. Taylor, the Orientalist, of Washington, devoted several years to the study of insanity. He monomaniae agreed and of course when an incision was made in his arm shoot of insanity was what interested him most of insanity was what interested him most incomposition with the subject. He once in our nection with the subject. He once in the province of the province